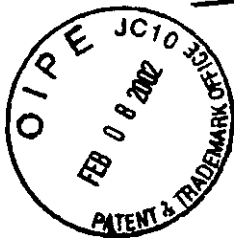


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This letter is in response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Filing Date Granted" mailed on December 12, 2001 which indicated that the Declaration for the subject patent application is missing. A copy of "The Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Filing Date Granted" is enclosed.

Enclosed please find a Declaration and Power of Attorney for the subject patent application which has been fully executed by the inventors of the subject patent application in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63.

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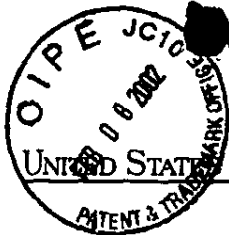
Please charge the \$130.00 surcharge for late filing of the fully executed declaration to Deposit Account No. 16-1852. Please charge any additional requisite fees for filing the enclosed Declaration and Power of Attorney or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1852. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
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